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[illegible] Justice Concludes [illegible] Earl Ray Acted Alone

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[illegible]NGTON — (AP) — After a 10-[illegible]view, a team of Justice Depart-[illegible] lawyers has concluded that James [illegible] Ray acted alone in the assassination [illegible] Martin Luther King, informed department sources said today.

[illegible] lawyers rejected charges that Ray [illegible] only a cog in a conspiracy to assassi-[illegible] the civil rights [illegible] said.

[illegible] lawyers from the depart-[illegible] Office of Professional Responsibility delivered its report to former Atty. Gen. Edward H. Levi shortly before he left office Jan. 20.

[illegible] department plans to make public a "[illegible]idged version" of the report, deleting [illegible]es of informers and other sensitive [illegible]erial, the sources said.

[illegible] the public release has been delayed because department officials want to avoid the appearance of trying to influence the House of Representatives in its debate about launching a lengthy and costly new investigation of the murder of King and President John F. Kennedy.

When the House completes its action, the department will have to release its own report.

Last April, Levi ordered Michael Shaheen, head of the Office of Professional Responsibility to take charge of a review of all department records concerning the investigation of King's death.

He took the action after the department's civil rights division finished a five-month preliminary review of FBI files and said a more complete study was necessary.

The series of department reviews was prompted by detailed disclosures by a Senate committee of the FBI's campaign of harassment against King in an effort to discredit him and the civil rights movement. That campaign was called out under the direction of J. Edgar Hoover.

King was shot to death on a motel balcony in Memphis in April 1968.

Ray pleaded guilty to King's murder. But he told the court he did not agree with statements by the prosecution and his own attorney that there was no conspiracy in the case.

Ray now is serving a 99-year prison sentence in Tennessee. He has unsuccessfully sought a new trial.